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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Competition is critical for the Internet. If we did not have a small provider of internet service in our area, we would have no affordable and effective internet options. We are in a rural area and the big providers don't find it profitable to bring service to a great deal of our area. In addition, where they have brought some service, the speeds are quire low and the service is very poor. Repairs can take over two weeks. Keep competition alive! Broadband is critical for both my and my husband's jobs, our personal communication needs and our safety. We are so grateful that one private small company has been willing to provide quality internet for us.

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